UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

ESTATE OF MORRIS BERKOWITZ, TZODIK WEINBERG a/k/a JUSTIN WEINBERG, and MAIER ARM,

Defendants.

STIPULATION AND ORDER OF SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL

23 Civ. 3803

WHEREAS, the United States of America (the "United States" or "Government"), by its attorney, Damian Williams, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General ("HHS-OIG"), commenced the above-captioned civil law enforcement action by filing a complaint (the "Complaint") in this Court against the Estate of Morris Berkowitz ("the Estate" or "Defendant"), as well as against Tzodik Weinberg a/k/a Justin Weinberg ("Weinberg") and Maier Arm ("Arm");

WHEREAS, this Stipulation and Order of Settlement and Dismissal ("Stipulation") is entered into by and among the United States and the Estate (the "Parties"), by their authorized representatives;

WHEREAS, during the relevant period, Morris Berkowitz owned and operated the Morris Park Nursing Home ("Morris Park") as a sole proprietorship;

WHEREAS, Morris Park is a 191-bed skilled nursing facility located at 1235 Pelham Parkway North, Bronx, NY 10469;

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WHEREAS, Morris Berkowitz died on April 17, 2020, and his wife, Doris Berkowitz, is the designated Executrix of his estate;

WHEREAS, shortly before the death of Morris Berkowitz, a limited liability company assumed the ownership of Morris Park;

WHEREAS, the Anti-Kickback Statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(b) (the "AKS"), prohibits anyone from knowingly and willfully offering or paying, directly or indirectly, any remuneration—which includes money or any other thing of value—to induce the referral of items or services covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or any other federal healthcare program;

WHEREAS, Medicare-eligible beneficiaries may enroll in insurance plans that are administered pursuant to either Medicare Part A ("Original Medicare") or Medicare Part C, which reimburse the costs of care and services provided by skilled nursing facilities;

WHEREAS, in order for a skilled nursing facility such as Morris Park to receive reimbursement for a claim under Original Medicare, that facility must submit a claim to Medicare on a fee-for-service basis;

WHEREAS, in order for a skilled nursing facility such as Morris Park to receive reimbursement for a claim under Medicare Part C, that facility must submit a claim to a private insurance company that administers a Medicare Part C insurance plan (a "Medicare Advantage Plan");

WHEREAS, the Complaint alleges that, in violation of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et seq.* (the "FCA"), and the AKS: (i) from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019, Morris Park, at the direction of Weinberg, the facility's former Administrator, disenrolled residents from their self-selected Medicare Advantage Plans and enrolled them in Original Medicare without obtaining the consent of the residents or their authorized representatives;

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offered to reduce or waive the co-payments that would be owed by residents in order to induce them to switch to Original Medicare; and retained Arm, a third-party independent contractor, to assist with the improper disenrollments (who split with Weinberg the \$1,000 fee Arm received for each resident switched to Original Medicare); and (ii) from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019, Morris Park offered and paid remuneration in the form of cash payments, meals, and sports tickets to a Jacobi Medical Center staff member to induce the staff member to refer Original Medicare beneficiaries for admission to Morris Park upon their discharge from Jacobi. As a result of the foregoing, Morris Park staff, Weinberg, and Arm submitted or caused to be submitted false claims for payment to Medicare for care and services provided to Morris Park residents. The conduct described in this Paragraph is the "Covered Conduct" for purposes of this Stipulation;

WHEREAS, in July 2020, Morris Park made a voluntary self-disclosure to the Government regarding the improper disenrollment of residents from their Medicare Advantage Plans;

WHEREAS, the Parties have, through this Stipulation, reached a mutually agreeable resolution addressing the claims asserted against the Estate in the Complaint;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the Parties' agreement IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Parties agree that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and consent to this Court's exercise of personal jurisdiction over each of them.

2. Defendant admits, acknowledges, and accepts responsibility for the following conduct (the "Admitted Conduct"):

a. Morris Park staff sought to maximize the number of residents who were enrolled in Original Medicare. Morris Park typically received a higher

daily reimbursement rate for residents enrolled in Original Medicare as compared to Medicare Advantage Plans, and Original Medicare residents were often approved by Medicare for longer stays in the facility.

- b. Weinberg served as the Administrator and Compliance Officer at Morris Park from August 2016 through December 2019.
- c. Starting in early 2019, Morris Park paid Weinberg monthly cash bonuses if the average number of Original Medicare residents at the facility was maintained at a certain level for a given month. Morris Park also paid bonuses to marketing and admissions staff members that were tied to the admission of new residents with Original Medicare.

Disenrollment of Residents from Medicare Advantage Plans

- d. Shortly after he became Administrator, Weinberg directed Morris Park's staff to try to persuade many of the facility's residents to disenroll from their Medicare Advantage Plans and to enroll in Original Medicare instead. Weinberg identified residents who were candidates for disenrollment and then pressured staff to take steps to switch those residents' insurance coverage. For example, after being notified in July 2018 of a new admission who was enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, Weinberg forwarded the resident's information to the facility's Financial Coordinator with a one-word email message stating: "Disenroll!!!!!!"
- e. In the summer of 2018, Weinberg contacted his friend, Arm, who worked full-time at another skilled nursing facility in the Bronx. Weinberg asked Arm to assist with the disenrollment process at Morris Park. They reached an agreement under which Morris Park would pay \$1,000 to Arm for each Morris Park resident whom Arm helped to disenroll from a Medicare Advantage Plan and enroll in Original Medicare. Weinberg and Arm agreed that they would split this \$1,000 payment, so that Weinberg would receive \$500 for each resident disenrolled.
- f. Once Arm was retained, the pace of disenrollments dramatically increased. Weinberg continued to exert significant pressure on Morris Park staff to disenroll as many residents from Medicare Advantage Plans as possible. In one instance in July 2019, Weinberg directed the facility's Financial Coordinator to disenroll a resident who clearly lacked the capacity to consent to a change in their insurance coverage. The Financial Coordinator asked Weinberg "[h]ow do we do a dis enrollment [sic]" when the resident "is not alert" and has no family. Weinberg responded: "We just do it."
- g. In order to persuade residents to disenroll from their Medicare Advantage Plans, in many instances Morris Park staff did not fully explain to

residents and their families how a switch to Original Medicare would affect the resident's coverage, including potential changes to the resident's co-payments and deductibles and the potential loss of supplemental coverage that was available under the resident's Medicare Advantage Plan.

- h. In some instances, Morris Park staff offered inducements to residents or their family members to try to persuade them to agree to the disenrollment. For example, at the direction of Weinberg, staff sometimes offered to reduce or waive the co-payments that residents would be required to pay starting on the 21st day of their stay at the facility if they switched to Original Medicare.
- i. In most cases, Morris Park disenrolled residents from their Medicare Advantage Plans without obtaining from the resident or any family member a signed disenrollment form or any other document evidencing the resident's consent to the insurance change. In several instances, Morris Park disenrolled residents even after the residents and/or their family members had indicated they did not want to switch their Medicare coverage.
- j. Morris Park did not offer to assist residents with re-enrolling in their Medicare Advantage Plan when they were discharged from the facility.

Kickbacks To Jacobi Staff Member

- k. Jacobi Medical Center ("Jacobi") is a hospital located in close proximity to Morris Park. The facility's marketing staff sought to obtain patient referrals from the Jacobi case managers responsible for recommending placements for Jacobi patients who needed skilled nursing care upon their discharge from the hospital.
- 1. During the period from 2017 through 2019, Morris Park offered to make, and in fact made, cash payments to a Jacobi discharge planning supervisor (the "Jacobi Manager") for each Original Medicare patient referral that resulted in an admission to the facility. For much of this period, the Jacobi Manager received the sum of \$150 for each referral.
- m. Weinberg delivered the cash payments personally to the Jacobi Manager. They texted to arrange a time and place to meet in person, often meeting at a CVS parking lot close to Morris Park.
- n. Weinberg reached out to the Jacobi Manager on numerous occasions to ask for patient referrals so he could fill empty beds at Morris Park.

For example, on August 3, 2017, Weinberg texted the Jacobi Manager asking if there were "any good referrals today." The Jacobi Manager responded: "Let me see what I can do[.]" Similarly, on August 5, 2019, Weinberg texted the Jacobi Manager that the facility had "15 empty beds if u have anyone to send," and the Jacobi Manager responded, "I'll send you all I have."

- o. Weinberg also frequently provided the Jacobi Manager and their staff with meals. For example, on September 12, 2017, after thanking the Jacobi Manager for a referral, Weinberg texted: "UR really taking care of me. I'm coming tomorrow with some pizza. Nothing crazy just want to come by and I never come empty handed lol[.]" Similarly, on November 1, 2018, Weinberg texted the Jacobi Manager: "Let's set up a dinner with us and ur crew[.] You've been so good to us I want to thank everyone."
- p. Morris Park also offered the Jacobi Manager tickets to Yankees games.
- q. During the period from 2017 through 2019, Morris Park admitted dozens of Medicare patients who were referred to the facility by Jacobi.

3. Defendant shall pay to the Government within fourteen (14) business days of the Effective Date (defined below in Paragraph 25) the sum of \$2,850,000 (the "Settlement Amount") in accordance with instructions to be provided by the Financial Litigation Unit of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Of the Settlement Amount, \$1,650,000 constitutes restitution to the United States.

4. Defendant agrees to cooperate fully and truthfully with the United States' investigation of individuals and entities not released in this Stipulation. Upon reasonable notice, Defendant shall encourage, and agrees not to impair, the cooperation of Morris Park's directors, officers, and employees, and shall use its best efforts to make available, and encourage, the cooperation of former directors, officers, and employees for interviews and testimony, consistent with the rights and privileges of such individuals. Defendant further agrees to furnish to the United States, upon request, complete and unredacted copies of all non-privileged documents,

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reports, memoranda of interviews, and records in its possession, custody, or control concerning any investigation of the Covered Conduct that it has undertaken, or that has been performed by another on its behalf.

5. Subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 7 (concerning reserved claims) below and subject to Paragraph 8 (concerning default) and Paragraph 12 (concerning bankruptcy proceedings) below, and conditioned on Defendant's full compliance with the terms of this Stipulation, including full payment of the Settlement Amount to the United States pursuant to Paragraph 3 above, the United States releases Defendant, including its successors and assigns, from any civil or administrative monetary claim that the United States has for the Covered Conduct under the FCA, the Civil Monetary Penalties Law, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7a, the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3801-3812, and the common law theories of fraud, payment by mistake, and unjust enrichment. For avoidance of doubt, this Stipulation does not release any current or former officer, director, employee, or agent of Morris Park, including but not limited to Weinberg and Arm.

6. Defendant fully and finally releases the United States, its agencies, officers, employees, servants, and agents from any claims (including attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of every kind and however denominated) that Defendant has asserted, could have asserted, or may assert in the future against the United States, its agencies, officers, employees, servants, or agents related to the Covered Conduct or the United States' investigation, prosecution and settlement thereof.

7. Notwithstanding the release given in Paragraph 5 above, or any other term of this Stipulation, the following claims of the Government are specifically reserved and are not released by this Stipulation:

- a. any liability arising under Title 26, United States Code (Internal Revenue Code);
- b. any criminal liability;
- c. except as explicitly stated in this Stipulation, any administrative liability or enforcement right, including but not limited to mandatory or permissive exclusion from any Federal health care programs (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(f)) under 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(a) (mandatory exclusion) or 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(b) (permissive exclusion);
- any liability to the United States (or its agencies) for any conduct other than the Covered Conduct;
- e. any liability based upon obligations created by this Stipulation; and
- f. any liability of individuals, including but not limited Weinberg and Arm.

8. Defendant shall be in default of this Stipulation if Defendant fails to make the required payment set forth in Paragraph 3 above on or before the due date for such payment, or if Defendant fails to comply materially with any other term of this Stipulation that applies to Defendant ("Default"). The Government will provide a written Notice of Default to Defendant of any Default in the manner set forth in Paragraph 24 below. Defendant shall then have an opportunity to cure the Default within seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt of the Notice of Default by making the payment due and paying any additional interest accruing under the Stipulation up to the date of payment. If Defendant fails to cure the Default within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the Notice of Default ("Uncured Default"), interest on the remaining unpaid balance shall thereafter accrue at the rate of 12% per annum, compounded daily from the date of Default, on the remaining unpaid total (principal and interest balance). In the event of an

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Uncured Default, Defendant shall agree to the entry of a consent judgment in favor of the United States against Defendant in the amount of the Settlement Amount as attached hereto as Exhibit A. Defendant also agrees that the United States, at its sole discretion, may (i) retain any payments previously made, rescind this Stipulation, and reinstate the claims asserted against Defendant in the Complaint, or bring any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding against Defendant for the claims that would otherwise be covered by the release provided in Paragraph 5 above, with any recovery reduced by the amount of any payments previously made by Defendant to the United States under this Stipulation; (ii) take any action to enforce this Stipulation in a new action or by reinstating the Complaint; (iii) offset the remaining unpaid balance from any amounts due and owing to Defendant by any department, agency, or agent of the United States at the time of Default or subsequently; and/or (iv) exercise any other right granted by law, or under the terms of this Stipulation, or recognizable at common law or in equity. The United States shall be entitled to any other rights granted by law or in equity by reason of Default, including referral of this matter for private collection. In the event the United States pursues a collection action, Defendant agrees immediately to pay the United States the greater of (i) a ten-percent (10%) surcharge of the amount collected, as allowed by 28 U.S.C. § 3011(a), or (ii) the United States' reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in such an action. In the event that the United States opts to rescind this Stipulation pursuant to this paragraph, Defendant waives and agrees not to plead, argue, or otherwise raise any defenses of statute of limitations, laches, estoppel or similar theories, to any civil or administrative claims that (i) are filed by the United States against Defendant within 120 days of written notification that this Stipulation has been rescinded, and (ii) relate to the Covered Conduct, except to the extent these defenses were available on the date the Complaint was filed. Defendant agrees not

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to contest any offset, recoupment, and/or collection action undertaken by the United States pursuant to this paragraph, either administratively or in any state or federal court, except on the grounds of actual payment to the United States.

9. Defendant, having truthfully admitted to the Admitted Conduct set forth in Paragraph 2 hereof, agrees it shall not, through its attorneys, agents, officers, or employees, make any public statement, including but not limited to, any statement in a press release, social media forum, or website, that contradicts or is inconsistent with the Admitted Conduct or suggests that the Admitted Conduct is not wrongful (a "Contradictory Statement"). Any Contradictory Statement by Defendant, its attorneys, agents, officers, or employees, shall constitute a violation of this Stipulation, thereby authorizing the Government to pursue any of the remedies set forth in Paragraph 8 hereof, or seek other appropriate relief from the Court. Before pursuing any remedy, the Government shall notify Defendant that it has determined that Defendant has made a Contradictory Statement. Upon receiving notice from the Government, Defendant may cure the violation by repudiating the Contradictory Statement in a press release or other public statement within four business days. If Defendant learns of a potential Contradictory Statement by its attorneys, agents, officers, or employees, Defendant must notify the Government of the statement within 24 hours. The decision as to whether any statement constitutes a Contradictory Statement or will be imputed to Defendant for the purpose of this Stipulation, or whether Defendant adequately repudiated a Contradictory Statement to cure a violation of this Stipulation, shall be within the sole discretion of the Government. Consistent with this provision, Defendant may raise defenses and/or assert affirmative claims or defenses in any proceeding brought by private and/or public parties, so long as doing so would not contradict or be inconsistent with the Admitted Conduct.

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10. Defendant agrees that it waives and shall not seek payment for any of the health care billings covered by this Stipulation from any health care beneficiaries or their parents, sponsors, legally responsible individuals, or third party payors based upon the claims defined as Covered Conduct.

11. Defendant waives and shall not assert any defenses that it may have to any criminal prosecution or administrative action relating to the Covered Conduct that may be based in whole or in part on a contention that, under the Double Jeopardy Clause in the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, or under the Excessive Fines Clause in the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, this Stipulation bars a remedy sought in such criminal prosecution or administrative action.

12. In exchange for valuable consideration provided in this Stipulation, Defendant acknowledges the following:

- a. Defendant has reviewed its financial situation and warrants that it is solvent within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §§ 547(b)(3) and 548(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) and shall remain solvent following payment to the United States of the Settlement Amount.
- b. In evaluating whether to execute this Agreement, the Parties intend that the mutual promises, covenants, and obligations set forth herein constitute a contemporaneous exchange for new value given to Defendant, within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 547(c)(1), and the Parties conclude that these mutual promises, covenants, and obligations do, in fact, constitute such a contemporaneous exchange.

- c. The mutual promises, covenants, and obligations set forth herein are intended by the Parties to, and do in fact, constitute a reasonably equivalent exchange of value.
- d. The Parties do not intend to hinder, delay, or defraud any entity to which
 Defendant was or became indebted on or after the date of any transfer
 contemplated in this Stipulation, within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 548(a)(1).
- e. If Defendant's obligations under this Stipulation are avoided for any reason (including but not limited to through the exercise of a trustee's avoidance powers under the Bankruptcy Code) or if, before the Settlement Amount is paid in full, Defendant or a third party commences a case, proceeding, or other action under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or relief of debtors seeking any order for relief of Defendant's debts, or to adjudicate Defendant as bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, or other similar official for Defendant or for all or any substantial part of Defendant's assets:
- (1) the United States may rescind the releases in this Stipulation and bring any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding against Defendant for the claims that would otherwise be covered by the release provided in Paragraph 5 above; and
- (2) the United States has an undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated allowed claim against Defendant in the amount of \$2,850,000, less any payments received pursuant to the Stipulation, provided, however, that such payments are not otherwise avoided and recovered from the United

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States by Defendant, a receiver, trustee, custodian, or other similar official for Defendant.

f. Defendant agrees that any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding brought by the United States under Paragraph 8 above is not subject to an "automatic stay" pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) because it would be an exercise of the United States' police and regulatory power. Defendant shall not argue or otherwise contend that the United States' claim, action, or proceeding is subject to an automatic stay and, to the extent necessary, consents to relief from the automatic stay for cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1). Defendant waives and shall not plead, argue, or otherwise raise any defenses under the theories of statute of limitations, laches, estoppel, or similar theories, to any such civil or administrative claim, action, or proceeding brought by the United States within 120 days of written notification to Defendant that the releases have been rescinded pursuant to this paragraph, except to the extent such defenses were available on the date the Complaint was filed.

13. The Settlement Amount shall not be decreased as a result of the denial of claims for payment now being withheld from payment by any Medicare contractor (*e.g.*, Medicare Administrative Contractor, fiscal intermediary, carrier) related to the Covered Conduct; and Defendant agrees not to resubmit to any Medicare contractor any previously denied claims related to the Covered Conduct, agrees not to appeal any such denials of claims, and agrees to withdraw any such pending appeals.

- 14. Defendant agrees to the following:
 - <u>Unallowable Costs Defined</u>: All costs (as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47; and in Titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395-1395kkk-1 and 1396-1396w-5; and the regulations and official program directives promulgated thereunder) incurred by or on behalf of Defendant, including its present or former officers, directors, employees, and agents in connection with:
 - (1) the matters covered by this Stipulation;
 - (2) the United States' audit(s) and civil investigation(s) of matters covered by this Stipulation;
 - (3) Defendant's investigation, defense, and corrective actions undertaken in response to the United States' audit(s) and civil investigation(s) in connection with matters covered by this Stipulation (including attorneys' fees);
 - (4) the negotiation and performance of this Stipulation; and
 - (5) any payment Defendant makes to the United States pursuant to this Stipulation;

are unallowable costs for government contracting purposes and under the Medicare Program, Medicaid Program, TRICARE Program, and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) (hereinafter referred to as "Unallowable Costs").

b. <u>Future Treatment of Unallowable Costs</u>: Unallowable Costs shall be separately determined and accounted for by Defendant, and Defendant shall not charge such Unallowable Costs directly or indirectly to any contracts with the United States or any State Medicaid program, or seek payment for such Unallowable Costs through any cost report, cost statement, information statement, or payment request submitted by Defendant or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates to the Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, or FEHBP Programs.

c. Treatment of Unallowable Costs Previously Submitted for Payment: Within 90 days of the Effective Date of this Stipulation, Defendant shall identify to applicable Medicare and TRICARE fiscal intermediaries, carriers, and/or contractors, and Medicaid and FEHBP fiscal agents, any Unallowable Costs (as defined in this paragraph) included in payments previously sought from the United States, or any State Medicaid program, including, but not limited to, payments sought in any cost reports, cost statements, information reports, or payment requests already submitted by Defendant and shall request, and agree, that such cost reports, cost statements, information reports, or payment requests, even if already settled, be adjusted to account for the effect of the inclusion of the Unallowable Costs. Defendant agrees that the United States, at a minimum, shall be entitled to recoup from Defendant any overpayment plus applicable interest and penalties as a result of the inclusion of such Unallowable Costs on previously-submitted cost reports, information reports, cost statements, or requests for payment. Any payments due after the adjustments have been made shall be paid to the United States pursuant to the direction of the Department of Justice and/or the affected agencies. The

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United States, including the Department of Justice and/or the affected agencies, reserves its rights to disagree with any calculation submitted by Defendant on the effect of inclusion of Unallowable Costs (as defined in this paragraph) on Defendant's cost reports, cost statements, or information reports.

d. Nothing in this Stipulation shall constitute a waiver of the rights of the United States to audit, examine, or re-examine Defendant's books and records to determine that no Unallowable Costs have been claimed in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph.

15. This Stipulation is intended to be for the benefit of the Parties only. The Parties do not release any claims against any other person or entity except as otherwise provided herein.

16. Each Party shall bear its own legal and other costs incurred in connection with this matter, including the preparation and performance of this Stipulation.

17. Any failure by the Government to insist upon the full or material performance of any of the provisions of this Stipulation shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions hereof, and the Government, notwithstanding that failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the full or material performance of any and all of the provisions of this Stipulation.

18. This Stipulation is governed by the laws of the United States. The exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any dispute relating to this Stipulation is the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

19. For purposes of construing this Stipulation, this Stipulation shall be deemed to have been drafted by all Parties to this Stipulation and shall not, therefore, be construed against any Party for that reason in any subsequent dispute.

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20. This Stipulation constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Stipulation may not be amended except by written consent of the Parties. No prior agreements, oral representations or statements shall be considered part of this Stipulation.

21. The undersigned counsel and other signatories represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to execute this Stipulation on behalf of the persons and the entities indicated below.

22. This Stipulation is binding on Defendant's successors, transferees, and assigns.

23. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, each of which constitutes an original and all of which constitute one and the same Stipulation. E-mails that attach signatures in PDF form or facsimiles of signatures shall constitute acceptable, binding signatures for purposes of this Stipulation.

24. Any notice pursuant to this Stipulation shall be in writing and shall, unless expressly provided otherwise herein, be delivered by hand, express courier, or e-mail transmission followed by postage-prepaid mail, and shall be addressed as follows:

TO THE UNITED STATES:

Jeffrey K. Powell Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office Southern District of New York 86 Chambers Street, Third Floor New York, New York 10007 Tel: (212) 637-2706 Email: jeffrey.powell@usdoj.gov

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25. The effective date of this Stipulation is the date upon which the Stipulation is

approved by the Court (the "Effective Date").

Agreed to by:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Dated: April 5, 2023

DAMIAN WILLIAMS United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York

By:

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DEFENDANT:

Dated: April ~, 2023

DEFENDANT ESTATE OF MORRIS BERKOWITZ

Doris Berkowitz, Executrix of Estate

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: <u>May 16</u>, 2023

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EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Defendants

CONSENT JUDGMENT

Upon the consent of Plaintiff the United States of America and defendant Estate of

Morris Berkowitz, it is hereby:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED: that plaintiff the United States of America is

awarded judgment in the amount of \$2,850,000 against defendant Estate of Morris Berkowitz, as

well as post-judgment interest at the rate of 12% per annum compounded annually.

Agreed to by:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dated: April ____, 2023

DAMIAN WILLIAMS United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York

By:

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DEFENDANT

Dated: April ____, 2023

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SO ORDERED:

HON. ______ UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: